

ABSTRACT

Wrongful conduct against legal tender

This thesis deals with the issue of wrongdoings committed against legal tender, i.e. banknotes and coins denominated in the Czech currency. It covers the whole range of various types of this illegal activity and critically analyses the legal regulation of the individual forms from the viewpoint of financial law. In my opinion, the topic has not yet been fully reflected as a whole in literature,

The paper is divided into nine chapters. The first two serve as a brief introduction to the topic, set it in a broader context and provide the reader with basic terminology and definitions of the - sometimes confusing and often misused – essential terms.

The third chapter depicts the long and colourful history of wrongful conduct against money and its legal regulation in the Czech lands. In the spotlight of this chapter stands naturally the history of laws against money counterfeiting, which is probably the most notable example of the thesis's topic. The two sub-chapters divide the historic part into two time periods with the turning point being the establishment of the independent Czechoslovak Republic.

The fourth chapter shows the different sources of legislative protection of legal tender. The sources include criminal law, financial and administrative law, international public law, European law and also intellectual property law.

The following four parts represent the very core of the thesis and contain a detailed analysis of the four basic types of wrongful conduct against money, which are as follows: counterfeiting and altering of money, making of unlawful imitations and reproductions of money, endangering the circulation of money and production of unauthorized money substitutes. The chapters comprise of several sub-chapters which typically include initial description of the topic at hand, current legal regulation, the corresponding wrongdoings and the subsequent analysis of the problem including appropriate legislative ideas.

The last chapter, the conclusion, sums up the ideas expressed in the rest of the thesis and makes legislative suggestions pro futuro.